

(a) whether the Telephone Directory of Bombay Telephones has not been supplied to the subscribers by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. for the last four years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to supply the latest directory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c). Sir, the last issue of main telephone directory for Bombay was published and distributed in August 1988. There after, two alphabetical supplements updated upto 1.5.89 and 10.12.90 were issued. The subsequent issue of the main directory could not be printed by the contractor, due to management and financial problems. The contractor has now come up with a proposal to execute the contract with the help of another reputed company, which has been agreed to by the MTNL. The next issue of Bombay Telephone Directory is likely to be published by the end of December 1991.

Cooperative Dairy Sector

5794. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to State :

(a) whether Cooperative Dairy Sector would face crisis if free licensing is resorted to in this sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to save this Cooperative Dairy Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (c). In the New Industrial Policy "milk food and malted food" has been delicensed. The impact of this policy on the cooperative dairy sector is being assessed.

The interests of the cooperative dairy sector will be protected.

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Licences for Mining in Bihar

5795. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to State :

(a) whether the land owners on whose land minerals were found have been issued licences for mining on priority basis in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details of the persons who have been issued licences on priority basis and the number who are yet to be issued licences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Prospecting licences and mining leases are granted in accordance with the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act , 1957. Section 11 of the Act lays down the preferential rights of persons applying for such leases and licences. According to this provision there is no such preferential right of land owners, on whose lands minerals are found, to get licences or leases. However, according to provisions of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 consent of the land owner is required before mining operation can be taken up.

(b) does not arise.

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Increase in Capacity of Various Telephone Exchanges in Himachal Pradesh

5796. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Government propose to

increase the capacity of telephone exchanges in Mehatpur (Una), Vaddi, Barotiwalla of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which their capacity is likely to be increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c) i) *Mehatpur (Una)* 512 P ILI by March 1992.

ii) *Barotiwalla and Vaddi*: Both the stations are proposed to be merged and provided with 1000 port electronic exchange during 1992-93.

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Allotment of New Telephone Connections to Metropolitan cities

5797. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to State :

(a) the revenue earned by the telecommunication Department through telephones in Madras, Bombay, Calcutta and Delhi separately during 1989-90; and

(b) the criteria adopted by the Department for allotting new telephone connections to all the Metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) The revenue earned by Telecommunication Department through telephones in Madras, Bombay, Calcutta and Delhi in the year 1989-90 is as under:

Madras	Rs.159.92 crores
Bombay	Rs.555.93 crores
Calcutta	Rs.165.62 crores
Delhi	Rs439.17 crores

(b) Allocation of new capacity to Metropolitan cities is done on the basis of pending demand and replacement plans.

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Sorting of Mail Through Computer

5798. KUMARI VIMLA VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for sorting of mail through computer in the country;

(b) if so, the States proposed to be covered under the said scheme; and

(c) the cities in Madhya Pradesh where the said scheme is likely to be introduced during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) A scheme has been formulated for sorting of letters in big metro cities through a letter sorting machine which uses a computer technology.

(b) It is proposed to open such a centre in Bombay in the immediate future.

(c) Does not arise.

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Computerised Directory Enquiry Service

5799. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to State :